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Letter dated 26 April 2002 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 55/281, entitled "Prevention of armed conflict". In particular, I should like to draw your attention to paragraph 3 of that resolution, which calls upon "all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to consider, in accordance with their mandates, the recommendations addressed to them and to inform the General Assembly, preferably during its fifty-sixth session, of their views in this regard".

In this context, I should be grateful if you would kindly bring the request contained in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 55/281 and your report on the prevention of armed conflict (A/55/985-S/2001/574 and Corr.1) to the attention of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system mentioned in your report. I should also be grateful if you would kindly submit to the General Assembly a report setting out, in consolidated form, any views submitted by the aforementioned organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system pursuant to paragraph 3 of resolution 55/281 as well as the replies, if any, received from regional and subregional organizations and/or civil society actors mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 4 of resolution 55/281.

In light of the importance of conflict prevention for the work of the United Nations, I am committed to promoting active consideration of this issue during the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly. In this context, I wish to inform you that Mr. Papa Louis Fall, Permanent Representative of Senegal; Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh; Mr. Hynek Kmonicek, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic; Mr. Gelson Fonseca, Jr., Permanent Representative of Brazil and Mr. Pierre Schori, Permanent Representative of Sweden, will serve as facilitators to promote consultations among Member States on this issue. It is my earnest hope that these consultations will lead to a positive and substantive response from the General Assembly to your important report.

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I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 10, "Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization".

(*Signed*) **Han** Seung-soo